(a) whether DDA has fixed a target to construct more than 42 thousands houses under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNJJRM) for the people belonging to Economically Weaker Sections;

(b) if so, the number of houses to be constructed every year and by when their construction would be completed alongwith the total expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) the basis on which these houses would be allotted and whether the persons belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections in Delhi have been identified;

(d) if not, by when the work related to their identification would be completed; and

(e) whether it would also be ensured that the allottees could not sell these houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that no such target has ben fixed. However, it proposes to construct 29,200 houses under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in five years @ 6,000 EWS houses every year at a total cost of approximately Rs. 900 crore. Approval of the Government for construction of 4740 EWS houses under JNNURM has been received. For remaining EWS houses, separate Detailed Project Reports are to be submitted for seeking financial assistance under JNNURM.

(c) to (e) the EWS houses, so constructed, are to be utilised mainly for relocating slum dwellers, who are yet to be identified. The policy for allotment of these houses has not yet been finalised.

Implementation of schemes by NGOs

2311. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs are involved in implementation of schemes under his Ministry;

(b) if so, whether any NGO has been involved in misuse of funds;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir. However, NGOs and educational institution etc. shall support the community/implementing agency in project formulation and preparation of proposals under Community Participation Fund (CPF) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and are not eligible for accessing Government Funds.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Postings and tenures of AEs and EEs in DDA

2312. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the places of postings, pay scales, total emoluments at the beginning and end in the respective pay scales and the duty hours of Assistant Engineers (AEs) and Executive Engineers (EEs) currently working in DDA;

(b) the tenure of postings of the AEs and EEs and details of cases where the period of tenure has overshot, alongwith the reasons therefor and measures taken to ensure that postings do not exceed tenure to minimize menace of developing pockets of corruption; and

(c) the manner in which it is ensured that these Engineers attend their offices during duty hours daily and do not indulge-in malpractices like doing private businesses or using their contractors' cars?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that the Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers are mainly posted in various Divisions and Circles in different Zones under Chief Engineers and also in other Departments of DDA such as Vigilance, Building, Land Management, Land Disposal and Housing etc. The pay scale of Assistant Engineers is Rs. 6500-200-10500 and that of Executive Engineers is Rs. 10000-325-15200. In addition, other allowances prescribed under Government of India's rules are also admissible. The duty hours of Assitant Engineers and Executive Engineers are 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM for main offices (five days working) and 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM for site offices (six days working).

(b) DDA has further informed that the tenure for Executive Engineers is three years and subject to performance. For Executive Engineers (Planning), the tenure is two years subject to performance. For Assistant Engineers, the Zonal tenure of posting is six years. DDA has also reported that no case of period of tenure overshot has been noticed.

(c) The performance of Engineers of DDA are suprervised by their superiors. DDA has reported that no case of Engineers doing private business has come to its notice.

Delhi Urban Arts Commission

†2313. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

.(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman and members of Delhi Urban Arts Commission have resigned from their posts;

(b) if so, the reasons for their resignation;

(c) whether these resignations would badly affect the functioning of the Commission; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to check this ill effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC) was reconstituted for a three year term on 5th April, 2005. As the term of the present Chairman & Members of the Commission was to come to an end by the first week of April, 2008, steps were teken by the Government to elicit nominations for reconstituting the Commission. In the meanwhile, the Chairman and Members resigned on 20.2.2008, citing reasons such as negative reports which appeared in the media about delay by the Commission in clearance of Commonwealth Games 2010 related projects.

(c) and (d) Steps are being taken to ensure that the Commission's functioning is not affected in any way by the resignations.